

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Currently amended) A method of regulating expression of a gene product comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a coding region that encodes a gene product;
- b. fusing the coding region with an isolated yeast promoter to form a fused promoter/coding region; wherein the promoter comprises at least nucleotides 486 ~~4823~~ through 2147 of SEQ ID NO.:8; and
- c. integrating the fused promoter/coding region within a yeast genomic DNA such that the promoter regulates the expression of the gene product.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the genomic DNA is from a species of yeast other than *Schwanniomyces castellii*.

10. (Currently amended) An isolated gene promoter comprising at least nucleotides 486 ~~4823~~ through 2147 of SEQ ID NO.:8.

Claims 11 -13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously presented) A vector comprising the isolated promoter of claim 10.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The vector of claim 14 wherein the vector is a plasmid vector.

17. (Previously presented) A chimeric gene comprising;
the isolated promoter of claim 10; and
a nucleotide sequence encoding a gene product other than the *Schwanniomyces castellii* glucoamylase gene product, wherein the isolated promoter is fused in transcriptional controlling relation to the nucleotide sequence encoding the gene product.

18. (Currently amended) A method of expressing a gene product comprising:
providing a starch inducible promoter comprising at least nucleotides 486 4823 through 2147 of SEQ ID NO.:8;
fusing the starch inducible promoter to a coding DNA sequence to form a chimeric gene, wherein the coding sequence encodes a product of interest;
introducing the chimeric gene into a host cell;
providing a growth medium; and
inducing expression of the chimeric gene by providing starch to the growth medium.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the starch is the primary carbon source in the growth medium.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the product of interest is glucuronidase.

22. (Previously presented) A method of expressing a gene product comprising:

providing a host cell;

introducing a DNA construct into the host cell, the construct comprising a nucleotide coding sequence that encodes a gene product operably linked to a promoter comprising at least nucleotides 486 4823 through 2147 of SEQ ID NO.:8; and

expressing the gene product within the host cell.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22 wherein the host cell is a plant cell.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22 wherein the host cell is a plant protoplast.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22 wherein the host cell is a *Nicotinia tabacum* cell.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22 wherein the gene product is an enzyme.

28. (Currently amended) A host cell comprising a promoter operably linked to a coding sequence encoding a gene product other than the *Schwanniomyces castellii* glucoamylase gene product, the promoter comprising at least nucleotides 486 ~~1823~~ through 2147 of SEQ ID NO.:8.

29. (Previously presented) The host cell of claim 28 wherein the host cell is a plant cell.